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SUBJ: WIDEMAN CASE

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1. AT TODAY'S (MARCH 9) HEARING, GOVERNMENT ENTERED AS EVIDENCE LARGE NUMBER OF ARTICLES WIDEMEN WROTE FOR FEER, MANY OF WHICH WERE REPRINTED IN SIGNS OF THE TIMES. COMMISSIONER DECIDED TO DISCUSS BENEDICTO CHARGES AT NEXT HEARING, WHICH IS MONDAY, MARCH 14. SALONGA WILL BE PERMITTED CROSS EXAMINE GOVERNMENT WITNESS PRESENTED SO FAR AFTER BENEDICTO PHASE OF INQUIRY COMPLETED. AT MARCH 7 SESSION GOVERNMENT HAD PRESENTED WITNESSES WHO IDENTIFIED PHOTOS PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED SHOWING WIDEMAN AT VARIOUS MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.

2. IN MARCH 5 EXPRESS COLUMN VALENCIA WROTE: QUOTE: BERNARD WIDEMAN, STRINGER FOR WASHINGTON POST, THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND THE HERALD-TRIBUNE (EUROPEAN EDITION), IS IN TROUBLE. MAJ. GEN. FIDEL V. RAMOS FILED A REPORT LINKING HIM WITH SUBVERSIVES. RAMOS IS ONE OF THE MORE RESPECTED OFFICERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES. EVEN THE USUALLY BIASED AND BIGOTED "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" GRANTED EARLY IN 1973 THAT RAMOS WAS EXCEPTIONALLY FAIR-MINDED AND JUST.

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WITH RAMOS ADVOCATING THAT WIDEMAN BE THROWN OUT, THE HEARINGS HAVE TAKEN A DIFFERENT TURN. NOW, HE'S IN VERY REAL DANGER OF BEING THROWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY AS AN UNDESIRABLE. END QUOTE. VALENCIA WAS ALLUDING TO RECOMMENDATION OF RAMOS THAT WIDEMAN BE DEPORTED. RAMOS' RECOMMENDATION IS ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED IN PC REPORT ON WIDEMAN'S ACTIVITIES HERE. REPORT WAS NOT READ DURING

PROCEEDINGS BECAUSE COMMISSIONER REYES STATED RAMOS NOT
SUBJECT TO CROSS EXAMINATION.

3. IN ADDITION TO RAMOS RECOMMENDATION, PRESS PLAYED UP
PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT J.V. CRUZ' CABLE CHARGING
THAT WIDEMAN'S ARTICLES ON SITUATION IN THE SOUTH HAD
GENERATED HOSTILITY TO GOP AMONG MUSLIM GOVERNMENTS.
(CRUZ CABLED POUCHED EA/PHL.) WHEN SENATOR SALONGA
OBJECTED TO CRUZ CABLE, GOVERNMENT SAID CRUZ CABLE WAS
BEING SUBMITTED FOR "WHATEVER IT WAS WORTH -- NOT AS
EVIDENCE." FYI - CRUZ WROTE SIMILAR CABLE ABOUT ZEITLIN
PRIOR TO HIS DEPORTATION.

4. WIDEMAN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 8 THAT BOTH HE AND SALONGA
ANTICIPATED CASE MAY DRAG ON FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME.
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